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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/833,680

Applicant(s)

YUKITAKE ET AL.

Examiner

Richard Lee

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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1. The applicants are informed again that the Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and the Assent of Assignee as filed are defective since both communications have failed to provide the required dates when signed.

The applicants make note at pages 6-7 of the amendment filed November 24, 2003 that both the Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and the Assent of Assignee were filed and accepted in parent reissue application no. 09/559,627 without objection to absence of a date. The Examiner wants to point out that the absence of dates for the Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and the Assent of Assignee in parent case 09/559,627 was overlooked by the Examiner, and consequently such omission of dates are not in fact acceptable in parent case 09/559,627. Objection was made to the Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and the Assent of Assignee in parent case 09/559,627 as being defective in the Office Action dated January 15, 2004. Concerning the present case, it is still a requirement for the applicants to provide new signed and dated Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and Assent of Assignee documents.

2. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

The reissue declaration as filed is defective since it is a duplicate of that filed in parent case 09/559,627. The error(s) set forth and corrected in the present reissue application cannot be the same error(s) being corrected in the parent reissue application 09/559,627. The present reissue declaration must provide/state new error(s) for correction. By having the same error in multiple reissue applications, this violates 35 U.S.C. 251.

Upon further review of the original declaration filed April 13, 2001, it appears that numerous other errors exist. The filing date of July 20, 1994 for serial number 09/559,627 as

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indicated in the declaration filed April 13, 2001 is incorrect. The correct filing date is April 27, 2000. In addition, the declaration makes reference to the specification filed April 27, 2000, but without reference to any corresponding application. The applicants are advised to carefully review the declaration to ensure that the new supplemental declaration to be filed does not include the same errors or any other potential error(s) that the Examiner may have overlooked.

3. Claims 4-6 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

4. The draft supplemental reissue declaration filed November 24, 2003 is not acceptable for the same reasons as stated in the above paragraph (2).

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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6. Any response to this final action should be mailed to:

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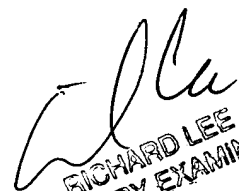
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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal
Drive, Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Richard Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-6612. The
Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m, with
alternate Fridays off.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be
directed to the Group customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.


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